

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.
Room 211 – Newton City Hall

New Agenda Items:

1. Board to review minutes of meeting held on November 20, 2019.
2. Receipt of an application for member survivor benefit, pursuant to MGL Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(d), as submitted by Martin McCarthy II, widower of Diane McCarthy, School Traffic Supervisor, who died on October 28, 2019.
3. Receipt of a temporary amendment to the job description for the Fire Department Wire Division personnel. The temporary amendment to expire April 1, 2020.

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Monthly financial reporting for month ending October 31, 2019.
2. Calendar year 2020 meeting schedule.
3. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	DOR
Donna Anastasia	Administrative Assistant	Building	1/2/2020
John Harney	Council Member	City Council	12/17/2019
Alice Ingerson	CPA Program Manager	Planning & Development	1/24/2020

4. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant# 24-19	12/19/2019	Administrative expense/member account disb.	\$ 13,126.08
Warrant# 25-19	12/30/2019	12/31/19 Contributory Pension Payroll	\$3,524,642.30

5. Director update: PTG payroll conversion, elected member enrollment and union coding on PTG.

Pending Agenda Items:

1. CRAB decision *PERAC v. CRAB, Swampscott Retirement Board & Vernava*, 478 Mass. 832 (2018). Held pending outcome of lawsuit filed against PERAC.
2. Non-compliant 2018 annual earnings statement filing with PERAC: Loretta King - pension suspended eff. 8/31/19.
3. Status of 2019 retiree affidavit filing: **100% compliant as of 12/6/19.**
4. Current status of pending disability/accidental death retirement application(s):

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
Freddy Elmeus	Fire	Retirement staff are collecting medical records.
James Thorne (ret)	Fire	Medical panel exams scheduled for 12/14/19, 12/18/19 and 12/31/19.

5. Current status of pending appeal cases - **informational only:**

Petitioner	Docket#	Status
Steven Caissie	CR-16-579	Board voted 1/25/17 to withdraw appeal and join Atty. Poser's appeal as a participating party. Atty. Poser filed Joint Pre-Hearing Memorandum with DALA on 9/13/18. Hearing held 8/1/19.
Jeanne Layton	CR-12-527 CR-17-205	DALA approved Board's appeal 7/21/17. State Retirement Board appealed to CRAB 7/25/17. Board counsel filed motion to dismiss on State Ret. Bd. issue only 9/29/18). State Retirement Board filed special legislation H33 on 1/23/17 to direct group classification of prior service by retirement board member is retiring from. Newton filed "Board's Status Report" with DALA on 5/22/18. CRAB decision dated 5/20/19 issued. State Ret. Bd. filed "Motion for Reconsideration" on 6/20/19.
Edward Murphy	CR-17-724	Board filed motion to add PERAC as necessary party on 1/10/18. Motion approved 1/12/18. DALA issued "First Pre-Hearing Order" on 6/25/19.
Julie Kelly	CR-18-0581	Notice of appeal from DALA on 10/22/2018. DALA issued "First Pre-Hearing Order" on 8/12/19. DALA notice of dismissal issued on 11/25/19.

Next scheduled retirement board meeting: January 22, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m. in Room 211

NOTE: The Board reserves the right to consider items on the agenda out of order. The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Items identified for discussion in Executive Session may be conducted in open session, in addition to or in lieu of discussion in Executive Session. A motion to convene an Executive Session may be entertained during the meeting. Meetings are open to the public and will be held in the designated meeting room in Newton City Hall.

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